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speech to make up for the
freedom of thought which
they avoid."

- Soren Aabye Kierkegaard

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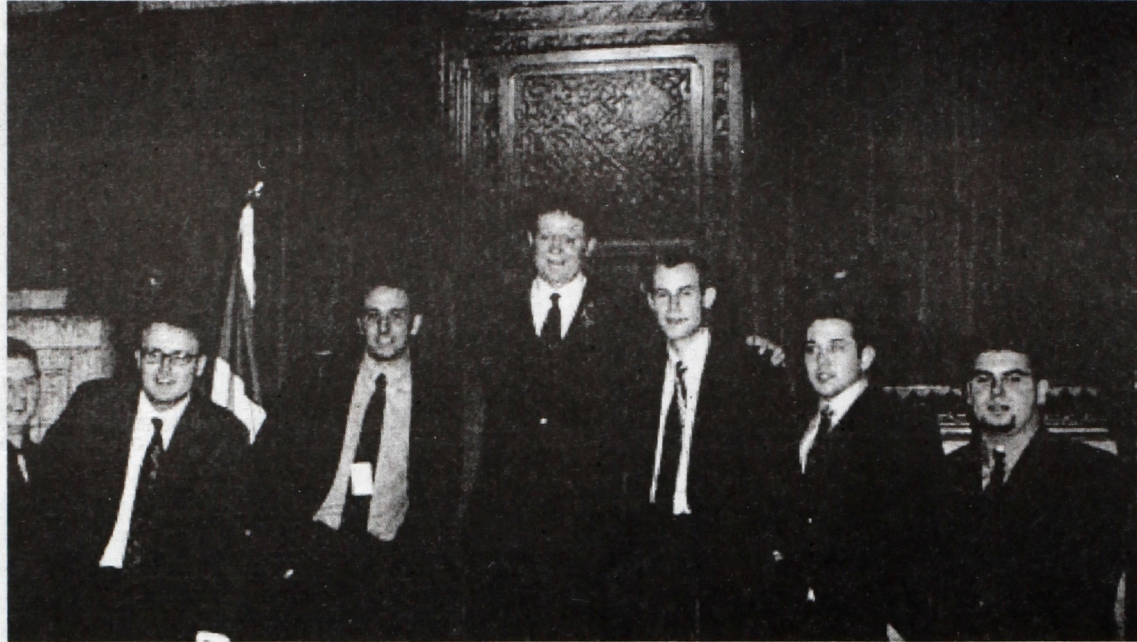
SLIP AND SLIDE SINCE 1961

LUPSA Eleventh Annual Model Parliament Most Successful Ever

by Jonathan Laderoute
Contributor

First came the excitement of being elected to the executive of LUPSA, Laurentian University Political Science Association. Then came the summer break and all thoughts of school turned to full-time summer employment, camp, drinking, music and fresh sunny warmth (not necessarily in that order). Yet, as all things must come to an end, we soon found ourselves back within the hallowed halls of higher learning, a welcome change of pace since many of us could not imagine doing whatever it was we did for four months, never mind for the rest of our lives. No sooner were we back, and the looming responsibility of organizing the largest, most popular campus event quickly absorbed every waking thought for the next five months. When we went to bed at night and woke up in the morning, our heads were burdened by its enormous, thick, heavy, weighty, beamy, clotted...sorry, sometimes I get carried away with the thesaurus. Okay, so perhaps it wasn't that bad...but it still was on our minds a lot.

As many of my colleagues can attest to (perhaps some more than others), the development and planning of LUPSA's Eleventh Annual Model Parliament is a labour of love. Don't get me wrong; it wasn't like it wasn't fun to participate in the process. It was. To see something start in such a fragile and bare state and progress into the most successful Model Parliament is truly rewarding. It's just that along the way, there inevitably were moments when it all seemed to hang in the balance. Take for instance the small issue of money. How were we going to raise that much money? †It takes at least half a year to raise that much in a decent pyramid scam. Then someone decided that to throw a wrench into the system and proposed that we offer the trip to other students outside of the Laurentian campus. Sure, why not? Heck, why just one? Let's open it up to Algoma University students in Sault St. Marie, and Georgian College students in Barrie. We were in new territory now. The logistics were no longer the same. How would



Rand Was The Only One Who Could Keep the Boys From Throwing Chairs at the Opposition!

we ensure that these additional students would get there? What role would they perform in the House? What party would they sit in? Fortunately, we did not have to face this challenge alone. As with every prior model parliament, the grand wizard of all things political, Dr. Rand Dyck, graciously and with seemingly superhuman stamina assumed many of the technicalities of harmonizing our end with both the Georgian and Algoma campuses. Of course, that represents only the tip of the iceberg when considering the efforts of Dr. Dyck. To that end, it must be said here and now that his effort was greatly appreciated and not lost on the executive nor those students who participated. Thanks again Rand.

Despite my beggarly position on the executive, like many of this year's participants, my familiarity with the LUPSA Model Parliament is relatively novice. This, my second attempt at greatness, pales in comparison to others who have recognized the value and merit of the event and have made it a point of coming back year in and year out to take part and meet new friends. Did I mention that you get to sit in the House of Commons, usually an honour bestowed only to elected officials? Of course, being Laurentian University students, they

decided to bend the rules for us. Oh yeah, and for a relatively unknown university named Queen's.

Yet apart from the inspiring opportunity to sit and speak in the House of Commons and tour the Parliament buildings, perhaps the greatest aspect of the trip remains the chance to eat West Block cafeteria food! This is the same food that our Prime Minister eats folks, and let me tell you, once you've had it, you'll never taste cafeteria food the same again! But I digress. Model Parliament is not only a chance for students to meet other like-minded students or an opportunity to visit Darcy McGee's for the best music west of Halifax or to try and hold a conversation with a bunch of festive Scottish curlers; rather, it's a learning experience in disguise. Unlike the aforementioned university that also makes the annual trip to Ottawa, Laurentian University students have the distinction of being much more serious and earnest when operating in the House. The caliber of speeches given this year is a clear indication of that point. Whether it was the speeches from party leaders, questions or simply member statements, issues involving government accountability, the environment, national security and social security all were front and center. It seems that in each

succeeding Model Parliament, students continue to excel in the development and presentation of their speeches. Of course, this isn't just my personal opinion. Just ask Liberal party whip Marlene Catterall and she'll set you straight on which university manages to balance sincerity with gaiety in their Model Parliament each year. I'll give you a hint: it isn't Queen's. Nevertheless, it is a testament to the students and professors who choose to participate in the event each year and who take the time and make the effort to maintain that reputation. Hopefully, in the years to come, we can sustain our reputation and build upon our strengths.

Alright, now that the majority of the back patting is done with, I can get on with this year's highlights. Included in this year's portfolio of shenanigans were chinchillas, peanut butter, and tetra-polymer blends; if you've ever wondered — and I know you have — how to achieve peak performance on a ski jump, one should use a blend of 67% recycled tetra-polymer compounds. Of course, these were only a few of the many statements and speeches that managed to lighten the atmosphere and even get the Speaker laughing. Once the morning session had come to an end, the House broke for lunch and in the

span of one hour, the transformation was obvious. After an laudable attempt by the NDP party to pass their "anti-suburban utility vehicle" must-have-clean-air-bill, the time came for Question Period. Now, anyone who has witnessed the Model Parliament before will tell you that the morning session pales in comparison to the afternoon one. Basically, in the morning, many students have yet to clear their heads from the night before and are still searching for their groove. Moreover, many students are anxious and unsettled with the protocol. With a full stomach and a morning's worth of experience, the atmosphere is much more jovial. The vocal contempt is much more forthcoming; in fact, I do believe that a certain member from a particularly extremist party actually had the gall to question the Speaker's eyesight. That being said, the afternoon began much like the real thing, with the four opposition parties mounting a divided attack, while the government deflected each assault by responding in coded and contradicting language only understood by the government members themselves.

Running slightly overtime, the House adjourned a little past five and we all proceeded to the National Press Club to reflect over dinner on the day's proceedings. Aside from the perceived unfairness in the incidental manner in which the tables were sent to the buffet, the dinner went off without a hitch and the time soon came to dole out the awards. This year saw a considerable amount of hardware bestowed upon multiple students. From best MP to best speech, each was deserving of the acclaim.

All in all, a successful day in the House was capped off with a good celebration. That this year's LUPSA Model Parliament managed to attract the most students since its inception eleven years ago is a credit to the event itself and underlines the need to continue to support it. Ultimately though, it proves that the young people of today, and specifically the students, are not as allergic to politics as the public may believe, and if given the opportunity, will participate in the most tangible of ways again, and again...

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Highest Ever Number of Students Make Laurentian University their First Choice

LU Press Release

According to recently released numbers by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, the highest ever number of secondary students have made Laurentian University their first choice. No less than 1,778 students made LU their first choice compared to 882 last year, an increase of 101.6%. Only one other university in Ontario, Nipissing with a hike of 128%, has surpassed Laurentian in terms of growth of first-year applicants.

Laurentian President Dr. Judith Woodsworth is thrilled by these preliminary numbers. "Students from across Ontario are discovering the province's best kept secret. They are making us their first

choice due to the quality and diversity of our programs, the beauty of the region, and the quality of services offered to students. Our class size, which enable students to be taught in small groups while having access to excellent professors is an important draw."

This same upward trend, which is also noted among applicants who made the institution their second or third choice, augurs well for Laurentian University who should benefit from a sizeable increase in first-year enrolment during the 2003-2004 academic year.

The numbers collected by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre indicate that a greater number

of secondary school students have applied to pursue their studies at the university level at Laurentian. As of January 15, the number of students choosing Laurentian University as their first university choice increased by 101.6% from last year, while those marking Laurentian as their second choice increased by 80.7% (1,816 from 1,005), and third choice applicants increased by 64.8% (1,884 from 1,143). Total number of applications to the institution are up by 126.5% (8,998 from 3,972).

These numbers are well above the provincial average as applications from secondary schools across the province for the 2003-2004 academic year has increased by 84.3% compared with 2002-2003.

Online Nursing Education Project Receives Government Support

LU Press Release

Laurentian University's Centre for Continuing Education is pleased to announce that its multimedia nursing training project for Registered Nurses and cardiac care professionals "Considering your Health Online" (Votre santé 'en ligne' de compte) was chosen by Industry Canada to receive funding through its "Francomunautés virtuelles" competition. This Canada-wide competition supports innovative French-language projects that meet the needs of Francophone and Acadian communities in the areas of access to French websites and acquisition of information technology (IT) knowledge and skills. Industry Canada will provide

\$109,641 to Laurentian University to carry out this project.

The main project objectives for "Votre santé 'en ligne' de compte" (Considering your Health Online) are to incorporate IT into a university education for professionals, to reach nurses in their respective communities and workplaces and to train users who are proficient in information technology. The ultimate goal is to lay the groundwork for further electronic communication between French-language healthcare professionals.

Currently, Laurentian University's distance education program in nursing relies mainly on print material and audio conferencing technology. By using

interactive technology and the Internet, the proposed project will make learning tools and activities more accessible and flexible, all the while procuring training in cardiac care nursing.

This project is part of an effort to pool educational resources and tools for members of the national consortium for healthcare education which includes Laurentian University, University of Ottawa, Université de Moncton, Université Ste-Anne, Faculté St-Jean, Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface and the Centre national de formation en santé (CNFS).

For more information on the "Francomunautés virtuelles" program, visit <http://francomunaut.es.ic.gc.ca>.

Laurentian University Appoints new Vice-President, Academic of Francophone Affairs

LU Press Release

Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Harley d'Entremont as Vice-President, Academic (Francophone Affairs), effective February 2003. The recommendation of the Search Committee was endorsed by Laurentian's Senate and approved by the Board of Governors.

Dr. Harley d'Entremont comes to Laurentian University with 26 years of experience in the post-secondary sector in Atlantic Canada. From 1988 to 2001, he was the President of the Université Ste-Anne in Nova Scotia. While at the Université de Moncton, from 1975 to 1988, he taught political science and public administration and held various administrative positions such as Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, Director of the Department of Political Science and Director of the Master's Program in Public Administration.

At the Université Ste-Anne, Dr. d'Entremont was involved in collaborative projects with multiple stakeholders including faculty, staff, students, alumni, local government and the Acadian community. While improving internal and external relations at this French-language institution, he ensured the development of greater coherence in academic programs, spearheaded a major expansion of the campus, and led an important fundraising campaign.

He has served on various boards such as the Regroupement des universités de la francophonie canadienne hors Québec, the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents, the Association of Atlantic Universities, and the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

Dr. d'Entremont holds a BA in political science from St. Mary's University, a MPA from Dalhousie University, and a PhD in political science from the University of

Western Ontario.

In 1992, Dr. d'Entremont was awarded the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal. In 2002, he was named Chevalier de l'Ordre des palmés académiques by the French government in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the promotion of French-Canadian issues.

"I was very impressed with Harley d'Entremont's extensive and wide-ranging administrative experience at the senior level, with his expertise in Francophone issues and commitment to Francophone communities outside Québec," said Laurentian University President, Dr. Judith Woodsworth. "He has demonstrated an ability to build morale, inspire trust and exercise leadership in difficult times. His proven record of carrying out ambitious projects through dedication and team work will greatly benefit Laurentian University."

News Briefs

Laurentian University B.Ed. Program Receives Important Approval

Laurentian University is pleased to announce that the proposed Bachelor of Education Program in English was approved by the institution's Senate on January 21, 2003. With this approval, this proposed program now requires the accreditation from the Ontario College of Teachers, which is planning to consider the program for initial accreditation as early as Spring 2003. The Laurentian hopes to be able to offer this program by September 2003.

The University's Bachelor of Education Program (B.Ed.) is a four or five year program taken concurrently with an undergraduate degree. The B.Ed. will have the following areas of focus: English, history, geography, Native studies, biology, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, and human kinetics. It will begin with the primary-junior and junior-intermediate divisions.

"Laurentian's B.Ed. program will provide an education degree to a large number of well-qualified students from Northeastern Ontario and beyond," declared Dr. Judith Woodsworth, Laurentian University President. "There is presently a large demand for teachers across the province of Ontario and the demand is expected to continue in the foreseeable future due to the large number of teachers about to retire."

This new English-language program will complement LU's existing French-language B.Ed. program. The presence of two strong B.Ed. Programs in both of Canada's official languages reaffirms the University's bilingual mandate and commitment to Northern Ontario. It also strengthens Laurentian's presence as one of the country's two bilingual universities.

It is expected that about 200 students will be admitted to Laurentian's B.Ed. program in September 2003. Since existing schools of education in Ontario do not have the capacity to admit all qualified students required over the next 15 years, this program is expected to become one of Laurentian key academic offerings.

Laurentian Student Wins Provincial Award

The Laurentian University Intramural Program would like to congratulate Deanna Nicholls, a fourth year Sports Administration student on being one of two winners of this year's Canadian Intramural Recreation Association (CIRA) Student Leadership Award for the region of Ontario. Deanna received the award for her outstanding contribution to the Active Living Intramural Program.

With the award Deanna wins a monetary prize, a year membership to CIRA, as well as her picture and related article in Input Magazine, the national magazine for Intramural Sports. Faculty and staff of the Intramural and Sports Administration Programs are very proud of Deanna's accomplishments and wish her good fortune.

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Editor's Corner

"If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is..."

- William Blake, *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*

Perception is a funny thing. Everyone sees things in a different way, but they all think that the way they see it is the be-all, end-all of the discussion. But how does anyone know that their perception of something is right when they only base their argument on the fact that their way of seeing said thing is right because they think so? The only way you can get the exact meaning of something is to go directly to the source.

Everyone seems to be in an uproar by something printed in Lambda last week. Everyone jumped to conclusions and I have heard everyone's arguments and complaints, and even a few that weren't said directly to me, and the funny thing is although everyone has an opinion on this, they all have no idea what the hell they are talking about.

This leads back to so many of my English classes and the discussion of novels, short stories and poems. Professors sit there for hours with students tearing apart pieces of writing trying to find the most definitive explanation for what the writer wrote. Different people always see things differently, and sometimes the professors will even tell us that we didn't properly understand it. But how does the professor know when they didn't write it either? They're there to help us learn, but what if they got the meaning wrong as well?

The one thing I love about fiction is it can be anything. Properly written fiction can take readers to a different place, but if it is written properly it will bring up not only visuals within the reader's head, but it will also make their memory react,

connecting things from their own lives to lend more validity and reality to the piece of work. Who hasn't read a novel and not imagined themselves as the lead character? If you haven't, then either your imagination is on pause, or the writer didn't do his or her job.

In order to visualize something from a book that isn't explained right down to the last detail, everyone fills in the holes with their own memories. Of course these memories can bring more emotion and validity to the story, but they can also skew the reality of the writing. If the piece of writing is about, let's say a bar, you are going to imagine a bar that is closest to you, or one that you visit most often. But what if the writer never intended you to imagine that specific bar? What if the writing was general so that there was no connection to any reality? What if the writer just wanted to tell a story, and it was up to the readers to fill in the blanks as it was the story that most important and not the setting? It's not that hard to do. But what about the other side of the coin?

The other side of the coin is that a writer can be intentionally general, knowing that the readers will make connections that are not really there. Writing in this fashion is a tricky thing as you can not only force people to read what you want, but you can actually twist things and allude to things that are somewhat general, but make everyone sure that you are talking about something specific.

A lot of people were complaining that the story written in Lambda was about them. However, there were no names and no specific incidents were talked about. It was

simply a story about a guy who hated his job and wanted out. The story just seemed more real then it actually was due to the fact that the background information was filled in not by imagination, but by experience. Fiction is fiction, but it can still be based on reality and experiences, yet still stay completely fictional in the writer's mind.

If you have ever read the works of Pat Conroy (and I suggest you should), you will be reading fictional stories that are based on the experiences of his family and friends. The Great Santini, The Lords of Discipline, Beach Music, The Prince of Tides are all fiction, but those close to Pat Conroy see themselves in the characters and see things that happened to them and others around them in the novels. Does this make his books less than fiction, or on another hand, more than fiction? Some may say yes, but to the writer it is exactly what he states it is: fiction.

You cannot write fiction without using your own memories to help you out. When you write about people and places, you have to be able to picture them to write about them properly. Even if the person or place is fictional, there is some connection to something real and tangible most of the time. Sometimes it is something small, but sometimes it is obvious. But the true connection and the degree that it connects to reality can only be known by one person: the writer.

So, now for the short story in Lambda last week. How much of it was reality? That's up to you to decide. The beginning of the story does say "a work of fiction" and there are no actual points where the

story states who anyone is or where they are. It was written to be a look inside the head of a fictional character. Experience and reality helped to make the glimpse inside even more real to the readers, and to make them think about things, but was it real?

My only answer to this is that everyone out there has finally let me know that I can write. I want to write and I want my writing to affect people. I want my writing to be remembered and not forgotten. If anything I write in the future conjures up as much emotion and hostility in my readers, then I have done my job. If everyone looks at anything I write the way they did this last piece, using their imagination to fill in the gaps left there, intentionally or unintentionally, and making the story real to them, then I have written it the way I wanted.

If I can make sure my writing gets an emotional response out of every reader the way I did last week, good or bad, then I know that I have written something that has made someone sit up and think about, or remember something emotionally close to them, then I know I've got it. I know that the words I write will be able to move people and actually create emotion. The more everyone commented, the more certain people got pissed off, and the more they told others to read it just to see what their reactions would be, you have all told me one thing: my writing can and will make a difference. Thanks...

Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

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Mat Thompson
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Too Much America-Bashing

by Tyler Dellow
Contributor

I've been shocked at the amount of America bashing I've heard and seen recently, both in the Lambda and around campus. In particular, there have been three articles in Lambda attacking America, signs all over campus in regards to the anti-war protests, and I've noticed many, many professors sporting anti-American/anti-globalization propaganda on their doors. I first noticed the signs on the doors in 2001, when I walked past a door in the history department a few days after 9/11 and I saw a poster which prominently featured a burning building crashing to the ground. It stayed up for several months.

The articles in Lambda of late have also been pretty wild, filled with half truths and lies, as well as completely incoherent lines of reasoning. In particular, Chris Bowes wrote an article for last week's Lambda in which he tried to equate the war on terror with some form of racism. The article had a few lines which were absolute gems. One of my personal favorites was "As long as we allow ourselves to subscribe to the notion that the 'forces of evil' are plotting against us'...". Gee, Chris, four airplanes were hijacked, by a group of people working together, and then flown into three separate buildings, while a fourth location was spared only because of the courage of those onboard the flight. I don't know about you, but that, combined with Osama's messages, I'm pretty much willing to concede that there are forces, of an evil nature as indicated by their willingness to fly airplanes into buildings, working against us. Not to mention terrorist attacks on the USS Cole, and the recent attack in Bali. What else are you looking for? Osama sending out a message on "Forces of Evil" stationary?

Another theme in Bowes' article is that this war is being fought against Sikhs, Hindus, Islam etc etc. In spite of what the Left would have us believe, this is simply not true. George Bush has made it abundantly clear, on numerous occasions that this is not a war against Islam. He has made statements condemning remarks made against Islam by such high profile supporters of the Republican Party as Pat Robertson

and Jerry Falwell, people considered leaders by many Republican voters. He has made it explicitly clear that he believes, as do the vast majority of Americans, that Islam is a religion of peace, and that those taking these actions against the United States are perverting the religion and the teachings of Muhammed.

Bowes also cleverly notes the irony of laws being passed that impede on some freedoms, while we are being told that this is a war about preserving freedom. I wonder if Chris thinks he could write an article critical of Iraqi government policy if he lived in Iraq. While I generally consider myself to be a civil libertarian, the fact is that America is still one of the freest societies in the world, despite the small changes that the government has made to their laws. Let me know when Iraq has a free election, freedom of religion and freedom of speech. Until then, the vast majority of these arguments ring untrue.

For too long, the West has believed that despotic, violent governments in other parts of the world were not our problem, that we had no need to deal with them, as they were not directly affecting us. What we should have learned from 9/11 is that we as the West cannot ignore these governments, and that we must be vigilant against those who would give sanctuary to terrorists. Saddam Hussein is a perfect example. I have a hard time following the logic of the left on this issue. The National Post printed an article a few months ago written by someone who escaped Iraq, and she talked about the horrors she had seen, including towns being gassed, and people being forced to drink gasoline and then shot. Does anyone have any doubt that if Saddam were left as he is, and if he developed nuclear weapons, that he would gladly hand them over to anyone who said that they could smuggle and detonate one in the USA? Why does the USA have to stand for this and why should they allow a leader who poses a clear and present danger to them, as well as to the people in his own country to exist? Hussein is known to have used chemical weapons against his own people; would he hesitate to hand them over to Al Qaeda to use in or against America, a country which depends on free open borders for its strong

economy? The world, and the Iraqi people will be better off once he is gone. Those arguing that Iraq would be hurt more by war than by continued governance from Hussein are simply kidding themselves. Bill Blaikie, currently running for the leadership of the NDP, claims that George Bush spends most of his time dreaming up ways to kill Iraqi children. I often wonder whether or not these same people would have been arguing that the Germans were better off under Hitler, and the rest of us should just live with the risk of having him in power.

As for Canada waiting for UN approval before becoming involved with any American military activity, this too is a ridiculous notion. The UN has many more violent dictatorships than it does liberal democracies. At present, the Security Council includes such countries as Syria (run by a dictator, the country is a known supporter of terrorists), China (communist dictatorship), and Angola (still recovering from a 25 year civil war). Why should these countries have a say in what the United States and the rest of the western world can do to preserve our safety and way of life? Their interests and realities are so different from our own that it is to be expected that they will want to serve their own interests, and do not care if those of the United States, Canada and the rest of the world are threatened. Canada was one of the countries named by Bin Laden, it is essential that we act to deny the terrorists the opportunity to do here what they did in America. If that involves toppling Saddam Hussein then so be it.

America has been a beacon for the world for more than 200 years. American ideals of democracy and equality have been fought and died for, and many have striven to ensure that those ideals would be reflected in their own countries. America has done great things in the past; the Marshall Plan is an excellent example-look at the people of Germany and Japan, they were far better off for having had their governments removed by America and its allies. If Canada were under attack we would look to America to stand by and defend us; it is only fair and honorable that we stand with them now.

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A Space for Rant... Letters to the Editor

Dear Lambda,

Our student newspaper is the most accessible form of communication between students so I am writing to warn other students about renting a locker. If you have rented, or are thinking of renting, a locker on the campus please read this, it comes from experience. When you rent a locker you need to know that any of your belongings that you place in your locker are your own responsibility. If someone steals your things from your locker there will be no reimbursement. You will have to replace everything with your own money. With the high tuition fees we pay today, not to mention the locker rental fee of \$16.05, supplying your own lock, purchasing textbooks and notebooks, etc., many of us would not be able to afford replacing items that we thought were safe in our lockers.

Thankfully, in my case, the Security personnel were able to locate the things that were stolen from my locker. I would like to thank the Security staff for their help in returning my belongings to me. I would also suggest that if you have any problems with the safety of things in your locker contact Security at 673-6562 between 9:00am and 4:30pm and ask for their assistance. Again, thank you to the Security staff for their help.

Lisa Stevenson

Editor's Response: People need to grow up and remember they're in university. Theft is the first sign of someone who needs to go back to nursery school. I'm glad security was there for you!

An Open Letter in Response to "Activist Organizing on Campus"

In response to Mr. Billings' veiled accusation of the SGA being inactive, I have a few points I would like to make.

We here at the Students' General Association do not subscribe to extremist measures in order to get our message to the administration of Laurentian. We have been – for the past 43 years – working within the system in order to fix it. We by no means agree with many things that administration decides, but we feel that by dealing with them on a professional level is more likely to yield results than protesting.

We are by no means trivializing the work you do for social justice in Ontario, but when it comes to the SGA as a Student Union; we would prefer to use the system in order to change it.

The SGA has organized Student strikes before, and will do so again when it is necessary. When we feel that every avenue of communication has been exhausted in order to garner attention to a matter, and there is still not enough concern expressed by administration, only then will we take an extremist approach to our causes.

We appreciate all constructive criticisms the student body may have for the Students' General Association, as it helps us better define to you what our purposes are and also helps us realize what it is that you feel is important and thus what we should be focussing on.

Rest assured that although we are not organizing mass student gatherings, we are indeed doing our bid to help the Student movement at Laurentian by dealing with administration on their own level.

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The Centre is run by a group of volunteers who have equal voices in decision making. Any woman who is part of the Laurentian community may volunteer at the Centre and become a †member of our collective (our decision making body). Collective meeting are open to all women so we encourage you come out and voice your opinions. There are various ways to become involved with the Centre such as becoming a volunteer, becoming a Collective Member, attending our events, or dropping by the Centre to utilize our services.

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Weapons Of Mass Destruction

By F. Reed
Contributor

All I hear about when I turn on the television, or listen to the radio, or pick up a newspaper is weapons of mass destruction. This seems to be the main focus of all the world leaders, and the fact that they think no one should have them. Actually, if you really look at it, it's more like the guys who think they're the good guys that don't want the bad guys to have what they have; weapons of mass destruction.

George Bush and Tony Blair are all of a sudden looking at Saddam Hussein and claiming that he is a dangerous man and he shouldn't have these weapons. Does the United States not have weapons of mass destruction as well? Has England forgotten that they are now siding with someone who is technically the same as Saddam? I know I could be arrested or even killed in the US for saying so, but they are the same.

The complaints about Saddam are simple, he is a bully who is living high on the hog and stockpiling missiles and chemical warfare, waiting to take over the world. But, if you look at Bush, it's pretty much the same. He's a bully pretending to be doing good, who is living like a king, pushing around

those smaller than him. The US can't deny that they don't have any weapons themselves. This is the country that designed a space defense system named after a movie to be able to blast missiles from outer space. If they have that, then they have missile silos all over the country ready to strike anywhere at any time.

We all knew in the 80's and 90's that the United States had nukes aimed at every corner of the world just in case, and there is no real proof that they have actually disarmed them at all. Why are the UN weapons inspectors so worried about the terror across the world when there is potential for the same crap over here.

Why does the US think that they can do what they want, when they want? They claim Saddam is a bully and a terrorist. So what does that make Bush? He is technically a bully and a terrorist under the guise of a southern redneck. The man is ready to bomb the shit out of an entire country, but he sees no wrong in it. Two buildings in one of his own cities are destroyed by terrorists and he is out for revenge and blood, not resolution and peace.

Now, I know that peace always comes at a price, but blood

for blood, an eye for an eye, and 'my silo if bigger than your silo' is the stupidest pissing contest I have ever seen. Has Bush ever sat back and listened to what he is saying. "If you don't stop your horrific ways, I am going to have to attack and kill you". What the hell is that? I know Saddam doesn't care what the US is saying, but to kill people to make sure they don't kill you first is a dumb way of looking at things and doing things.

Every time Bush comes on the television he makes reference to 9/11. Has anyone not told him that it wasn't anything to do with Saddam? He's getting his people ready for war by praying on their own fears and grief. If he told them that he was going to bomb and take over Canada because there are terrorist cells coming in through Canada, especially those known to have said the word El Qada once in their lives, the gun toting, backwoods, confederate flag waving, inbred patriotic American would have no problem telling Bush to 'Bomb Canada', just in case.

I wouldn't be surprised if Bush all of a sudden linked the white powder in their mail to the white powder that falls from the sky up here five months of the year.

"Those Canadians think they're foolifying me. I know that anthrax is a white powderish substance, and I have seen pictures of cities filled with white powder. Hell, they even do sports on that stuff up there. So I am saying this to you Canada and all your Canadish citizens... stop your stockpiling and give in to us or we will start by taking out your capital. And once Toronto is gone, we will make sure you are not a threat to global welfare again."

I know this is extreme, but I think that the sudden jump to war with Iraq is a little extreme as well. This whole thing is like the pot calling the kettle black. Bush says

Saddam is bad, and he is. Saddam is telling people that Bush is bad, and he is too. So basically this entire war is over who is going to prove that they are the more likable bad guy; Bush or Saddam.

I hope the Americans are kicking themselves in the ass right now for what they have done. They voted in a bully with old school thoughts and backwoods ideas. He may think he is doing the right thing, and maybe in the end it will all turn out okay, but in the meantime, he's telling a country not to panic and not to be afraid, when all the while he has his finger on that little red button that could change the world forever.

A letter to The London Observer from Terry Jones of Monty Python

Sunday January 26, 2003

I'm really excited by George Bush's latest reason for bombing Iraq: He's running out of patience... And so am I!

For some time now I've been really pissed off with Mr. Johnson, who lives a couple of doors down the street. Well, him and Mr. Patel, who runs the health food shop. They both give me queer looks, and I'm sure Mr. Johnson is planning something nasty for me, but so far I haven't been able to discover what. I've been round to his place a few times to see what he's up to, but he's got everything well hidden. That's how devious he is.

As for Mr. Patel, don't ask me how I know, I just know - from very good sources - that he is, in reality, a Mass Murderer. I have leafleted the street telling them that if we don't act first, he'll pick us off one by one. Some of my neighbours say, if I've got proof, why don't I go to the police? But that's simply ridiculous. The police will say that they need evidence of a crime with which to charge my neighbours. They'll come up with endless red tape and quibbling about the rights and wrongs of a pre-emptive strike and all the while Mr. Johnson will be finalizing his plans to do terrible things to me, while Mr. Patel will be secretly murdering people.

Since I'm the only one in the street with a decent range of automatic firearms, I reckon it's up to me to keep the peace. But until

recently that's been a little difficult. Now, however, George W. Bush has made it clear that all I need to do is run out of patience, and then I can wade in and do whatever I want! And let's face it, Mr. Bush's carefully thought-out policy towards Iraq is the only way to bring about international peace and security.

The one certain way to stop Muslim fundamentalist suicide bombers targeting the US or the UK is to bomb a few Muslim countries that have never threatened us. That's why I want to blow up Mr. Johnson's garage and kill his wife and children. Strike first! That'll teach him a lesson. Then he'll leave us in peace and stop peering at me in that totally unacceptable way.

Mr. Bush makes it clear that all he needs to know before bombing Iraq is that Saddam is a really nasty man and that he has weapons of mass destruction - even if no one can find them. I'm certain I've just as much justification for killing Mr. Johnson's wife and children as Mr. Bush has for bombing Iraq.

Mr. Bush's long-term aim is to make the world a safer place by eliminating 'rogue states' and 'terrorism'. It's such a clever long-term aim because how can you ever know when you've achieved it? How will Mr. Bush know when he's wiped out all terrorists? When every single terrorist is dead? But then a terrorist is only a terrorist once he's committed an act of terror. What about would-be terrorists? These are the ones you really want to eliminate,

since most of the known terrorists, being suicide bombers, have already eliminated themselves. Perhaps Mr. Bush needs to wipe out everyone who could possibly be a future terrorist? Maybe he can't be sure he's achieved his objective until every Muslim fundamentalist is dead? But then some moderate Muslims might convert to fundamentalism. Maybe the only really safe thing to do would be for Mr. Bush to eliminate all Muslims? It's the same in my street. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Patel are just the tip of the iceberg. There are dozens of other people in the street who I don't like and who - quite frankly - look at me in odd ways. No one will be really safe until I've wiped them all out. My wife says I might be going too far but I tell her I'm simply using the same logic as the President of the United States. That shuts her up.

Like Mr. Bush, I've run out of patience, and if that's a good enough reason for the President, it's good enough for me. I'm going to give the whole street two weeks - no, 10 days - to come out in the open and hand over all aliens and interplanetary hijackers, galactic outlaws and interstellar terrorist masterminds, and if they don't hand them over nicely and say 'Thank you', I'm going to bomb the entire street to kingdom come. It's just as sane as what George W. Bush is proposing - and, in contrast to what he's intending, my policy will destroy only one street.

A Space for Rant... Letters to the Editor

Hey Lambda...

Great job on the Blender issue you guys did. Probably the best issue you guys have ever done! Great Job.

Chris

Dear Lambda

Finally you guys have shown the students of this school what a few students can do when they really work at something. Your Blended issue has to be one of the best issues I have ever seen you put out and I hope that other students see that too. You guys may be understaffed, but you all have talent! Keep up the good work.

A Professor

Actual Phone Message...

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Australians Put Faith in Protective Warfare Kits

By Michael Christie
YahooNews.com

SYDNEY - Gas masks for the grandchildren, a nuclear, biological, chemical warfare tent for a racehorse, protective gear for a convent of Sydney nuns?

Business is booming for Australian providers of nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) warfare kits as the United States gears up for a possible attack on Iraq.

From zero sales before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, online vendor Duram Products Australia can now rack up sales topping A\$500,000 (\$305,000) in a 48-hour period from gas masks and NBC suits.

"A grandma buying for all the grandchildren, or a woman who buys for herself and a little tent for the kid, or a couple who wanted a capsule for a baby who hadn't been born yet," Duram's Israeli-born owner Gila Davidson said, listing examples of orders for its products, which are made in Israel kibbutzim.

Most clients of Duram, whose main business is providing

protective gear to the mining industry, are ordinary Australians looking for protection they hope they will never have to use, or who are traveling abroad.

A suit for protection against a nuclear, biological or chemical attack would set you back about A\$100 (\$60), while a gas mask would cost upwards of A\$200.

Some have more specific requests.

A client of Duram in Dubai ordered a NBC tent to protect a racehorse. A racehorse owner in Australia has asked for a quote for a similar tent.

A Canberra woman bought a small tent for her cat and a convent in Sydney bought a load of gas masks for its nuns.

"My shop is a Web site. I work from home. My house is a chaos, but it's OK. I'm not complaining," said Davidson, a former corporal in the Israel navy.

The nuns, seeking to enhance their faith with a little man-made protection, declined to be identified or interviewed, she said.

NO MORE WAY DOWN UNDER

Once sheltered from world events by a sense of geographical isolation, many Australians now feel thrust into the frontlines of the U.S.-led campaign against Islamic fundamentalists by their government's staunch support of Washington since Sept. 11.

The Oct. 12 bombings in the Indonesian resort of Bali, in which 89 Australians died, a government booklet on being "alert but not alarmed" and Prime Minister John Howard's unflinching backing of a U.S. strike threat on Iraq have reinforced those fears.

"Australia is a potential target," insisted Sydney information-technology engineer Peter Lau, who has just bought 10 gas masks and NBC suits for himself and his relatives.

"I decided to do this after Australia became involved (in the potential war on Iraq). It's just for insurance," he told Reuters.

Officials say the risk of a radiological, chemical or biological

attack on Australia is remote.

Nevertheless, authorities have increased their preparations for a possible attack, doubling the army's rapid response capabilities, boosting the states' SWAT-type teams and buying up smallpox vaccine.

Roger Buckle, managing director of NEANN, which provides 70 percent of prehospital emergency kits sold to ambulance and fire services nationwide, said emergency services were noticeably switching their preparations toward mass-casualty situations.

But no one seemed to be going "over the top," he said.

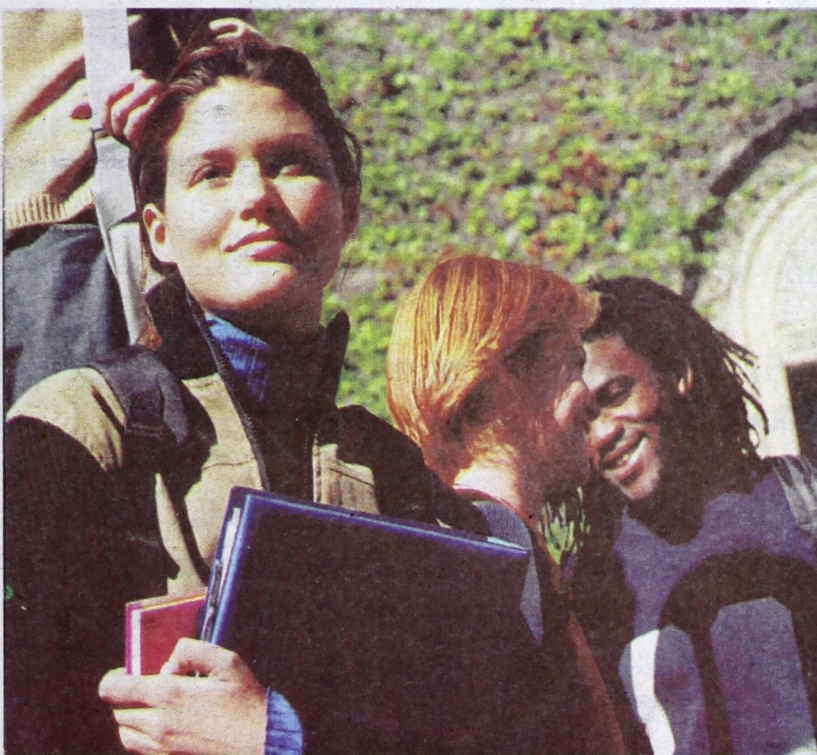
Melbourne military-clothing retailer Platypus Outdoors said some ordinary folk appeared less calm.

"We're getting a lot more silly questions," said the shop manager, who identified himself as Sam.

"We tell people save your money. Don't buy a gas mask. Buy a bottle of Scotch and find a route out. How will a gas mask stop a plane from plowing into the side of a building?"

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- All positions are open for election within Lambda, but are limited to those who hold the requirements laid out in the Lambda Constitution and Policy Manual. Simply put, you can't just walk in off the street and take over a position. Much like real jobs, you must be able to show that you can do the job and must hold the qualifications for each position.
- The \$10 per student levy collected by the SGA on Lambda's behalf covers approximately 50% of the yearly budget. The rest of the money used in running Lambda comes from our local and national advertising.
- To fill one page of newspaper, without pictures, it takes about 2600 words. So if you average it out over a regular 16 page newspaper, with pictures to fill in some spaces, one Lambda is about 30,000 words. That may sound like a lot, but it's even more when you figure in that there are only five full-time writers in Lambda.
- When articles don't come in, or there is nothing to fill pages with, it is up to the Editors and the Editor In Chief to fill those spots. Writer's Block is not an option for the staff.
- It takes two to three days to write, edit, lay out and complete a regular issue of Lambda. It then takes one to two days at the press before we get it back to deliver. This is why there are deadlines. You can't show up on the day the paper comes out and expect to get things in since it is already done by that point. There is a lot of work to put a paper together... it doesn't just magically appear.
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He still hasn't graduated...

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Many Underestimate Partner's Past Sex History

By Alison McCook
www.YahooNews.Com

New research shows that people tend to underestimate their partner's sexual experience and overestimate how well a long-term relationship protects them from sexually transmitted diseases.

Interviews with 300 steady, heterosexual couples reveal that men and women tend to believe their partners have had sex with fewer people in the past, and are often not aware if their partners have had sex with someone else while in their current relationship.

Furthermore, people also tended to "dramatically" underestimate their partners' other risk factors for sex-related diseases, study author Dr. M. Lynne Cooper of the University of Missouri-Columbia told Reuters Health.

For example, people often did not have accurate ideas about their partners' previous experiences, such as whether they had one-night stands, sex with a person they had met that day, sex with a prostitute, or sex in exchange for money or drugs.

"There is this fallacy that just because you're in an intimate relationship you're safe," Cooper said.

"Those kinds of rules of thumb can sometimes be right, and

sometimes be wrong, occasionally with really disastrous consequences," she noted.

Consequently, the best way to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases, even with a long-term partner, may involve more than simply trusting your instincts, Cooper added. "The safest thing to do is to use a condom," she said.

During the study, which was conducted at the State University of New York in Buffalo, the researchers separately interviewed each member of 300 couples about their own sexual risk factors and how at risk they believed their partner to be of disease.

Cooper and her colleagues reported their findings during the recent conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Los Angeles, California.

Cooper and her team discovered that while men said they had had an average of 10.4 previous sex partners, women said they believed men had had an average of 8.5 former partners.

Women themselves reported having an average of 6.3 previous sexual partners; men said they believed women had had an average of 5.3.

In addition, 63 women and 82 men said they had had sex with another person within the past six

months, and most of the couples included in the current study had been together for longer than six months. Fifty-five percent of the partners of the people admitting to affairs did not know the outside relationships had taken place, Cooper said.

In terms of what information people use to base their perceptions of their partners' sexual risk factors, Cooper and her colleagues found that people, not surprisingly, rely on what their partners have explicitly told them.

However, the report also revealed that different people have different risk perceptions based on their personalities, and on the quality of their current relationship.

For instance, Cooper said that people who say they place a significant importance on their relationships and who say they tend to instinctively trust other people are more likely than others to underestimate their partners' sexual risk factors.

In addition, people who said they were satisfied with their current relationship and believed their current partner was trustworthy were also more likely to underestimate how much their partner was putting them at risk of diseases linked to sexual activity, Cooper noted.

Eating Breakfast May Stave Off Obesity, Diabetes

By Keith Mulvihill
YahooNews.com

The next time you're starting the day on an empty stomach, consider this: a new study suggests that people who eat breakfast daily may be less likely to succumb to obesity and diabetes.

The study was presented Thursday at the American Heart Association's 43rd Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention.

"In comparison to those who reported eating breakfast twice per week or less often, those reporting eating breakfast every day had 35 percent to 50 percent lower rates of developing obesity and insulin resistance syndrome," researcher Dr. Mark A. Pereira told Reuters Health.

Insulin resistance is a loss of sensitivity to insulin, the key blood-sugar-regulating hormone. This loss of sensitivity is often a precursor to diabetes.

"This was true for white men and women, and black men, but not black women," he added.

Breakfast may reduce the risk of obesity, type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease by controlling appetite and thus reducing the likelihood of overeating later in the day, explained the investigator.

"There were 2,681 young

adults included in the study, and they were followed for eight years," said Pereira, who is a research associate at Children's Hospital and assistant professor at Harvard Medical School in Boston. The participants, who were between 25 and 37 years old, were followed for a variety of health outcomes including insulin resistance and obesity.

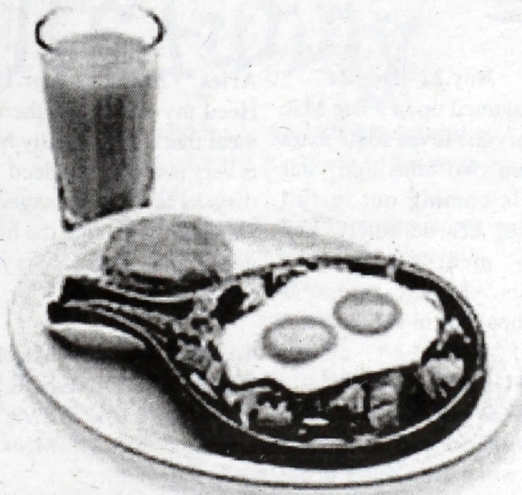
"In addition to breakfast frequency, the quality of breakfast also appears to be important," noted Pereira. "For example, whole grain breakfast cereals were associated with a reduction in risk, whereas refined grain breakfast cereals were not."

Only cereals that list a whole grain or bran first in the ingredient list or those that contain

a whole grain and have at least 2 grams of fiber per serving are considered to be whole grain cereal, according to a statement from the American Heart Association.

"The study contributes to the knowledge of the role of dietary patterns and risk of obesity and related health outcomes," concluded Pereira, who added that "there are very few, if any, longitudinal studies on breakfast frequency, breakfast quality, and health outcomes."

The study was funded by the Charles H. Hood Foundation, which Pereira said "was a philanthropic organization with no ties to industry." The study was also funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health.



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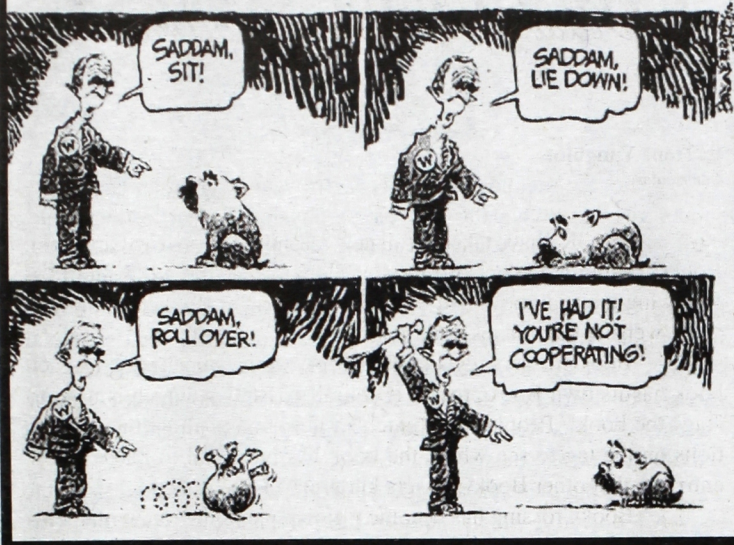
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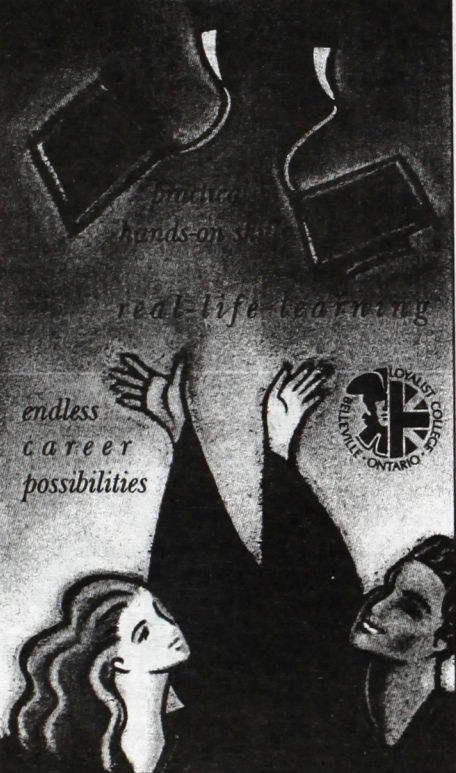
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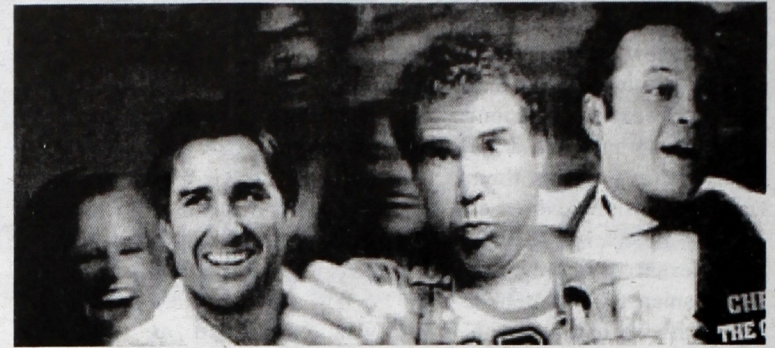
Time to Go... OLD School!

By Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

Who better to go see a movie about people in their late 20's going back to school to start a fraternity than Laurentian's own *Van Wilder*? Well, if this movie is what university is going to be like next year when I turn 29, then I'm outta here and I'm gonna try my hand at the real world. Wow... I can't believe I just said that.

Old School has a pretty simple concept. **Luke Wilson** returns home early from a convention to find his fiancée, **Juliette Lewis**, in the bedroom with a naked couple blindfolded, ready to have a threesome. Instead of taking advantage of this, he leaves and moves into a house on the edge of the local college campus. Like any other college movie, the evil dean re-zones the student housing and makes Luke's house a part of the college and it can only be used for college use. At the prompting of his friends, the recently married **Wil Ferrell**, and the un-happily married **Vince Vaughn**, they turn the house into a frat house and Luke into the campus 'Godfather'.

Maybe it's just me, but I'm starting to think that the whole college movie genre has met its end. There really aren't that many out there that are good, but this movie is no where near as good as *PCU*, *Van Wilder* or the grand-daddy of them



all, *Animal House*. The jokes are pretty tired and most have been recycled from the other movies including the ones I just listed. The cast for this movie had some great potential, but is wasted in this movie.

Although *Old School* is written about a guy who moves into a house that gets turned into a frat, the movie seems to centre more on Wil Ferrell's character, known as *Frank the Tank*, trying to bank on his over-the-top antics then actually furthering the storyline. More time is wasted on his wedding than on the actual hazing of the recruits.

For a movie based more on jokes about sex and drinking, the cast does try their best to stand out. **Luke Wilson** and **Vince Vaughn** are great for their roles, but they are overshadowed and underutilized at the same time. **Wil Ferrell** seems to be just rehashing his old SNL characters, but does come up with some pretty funny scenes, saving the audience from the silence that befell the theatre a few times.

One of the biggest problems I have with the casting was the use of one of my favorite actors, **Jeremy Piven**, as the evil dean. What the hell is this? Piven has been the funny, party animal friend in every **John Cusack** movie and was the perfect BMOC in *PCU*. To make him a former geek who grew up to be an ever bigger loser dean is the worst casting ever! You cannot take the party animal from *Say Anything* and make him the dean in this movie. Piven deserves better!!!

There are parts of this movie that are hilarious, don't get me wrong. Streaking, K-Y Wrestling, Craig Kilborn's attempt at acting and even an appearance by Snoop Dogg all make this movie at the very least a rental, but shelling out twelve bucks may make you wish they had a money back guarantee.

Old School is full of old jokes and old ideas of what a funny movie is. There has to be better comedies out there... I just don't know where.

FAST FOOD HOROSCOPES

by Hugh Panelas
Entertainment Editor

Sagittarius Nov.22 - Dec.21

All can be summed up in a Big Mac for you. Everyone loves some extra meat between two buns and your preference is coming out in full force. Grease? Yes, definitely. You more than meet the greasy requirements. Maybe a regular hamburger should be in your feature.

Capricorn Dec.22 - Jan.19

A rather strange physical attraction to the big purple freak Grimace has your friends wondering, and I'm not talking about the guy on 10th floor. Honestly though, what's wrong with Grimace? Everyone loves him, even though he is built like a frosh that has put on that extra 15.

Aquarius Jan.20 - Feb.17

Chicken nuggets come in a six-pack, and six is a fitting number for you. It's only a matter of time until your friends find out that is the number of people you have slept with in this, your first year at school.

Pisces Feb.18 - Mar.19

Fish, oh how great it is. I am speaking about the Fillet-o-Fish. Ok, it's absolutely gross and so is what you are doing right now while reading this horoscope. Put down the food as you don't want to get any of that special sauce on the paper.

Aries Mar.20 - Apr.19

Heed my warnings: the dog/rat/cat meat that is supposedly burger meat is very tasty, tasty indeed. I hear that they have even managed to put in some hormone that the human body needs and craves. Stay away, far away.

Taurus Apr.20 - May.19

HUGH CAN DINE FOR \$6.99! Ok, really more like \$12.99, but who's counting? Mmmmm, extra burgers keep me warm...

Gemini May.20 - June.20

Fries, fries, oh the golden fries. This tasty treat is by far the easiest item to eat while driving. You can just put the fries right in your lap. Just imagine the blonde strings busting out of the carton and gazing up at you. It's like heaven on earth; too bad it only lasts for a few minutes.

Cancer June.21 - July.21

Ok, you are single-handedly the most ridiculous person that I have ever met on the face of the planet. Do you really honestly believe that the new taster's choice menu is really healthy? You know all that leftover lettuce that falls off of your burgers that you throw out? Yeah, it's called a salad... try it!

Leo July.22 - Aug.22

You are in need of therapy immediately. Apparently you were brainwashed into believing that the Crispy Chicken is a better sandwich than the McChicken. Honestly, who would ever believe that? Always remember that you can ask for as many McChicken Sauce packages that you want; maybe they will come in handy later.

Virgo Aug.23 - Sept.21

Supersize indeed. Just because you put four burgers in one bun it doesn't count toward your No-Carb diet!

Libra Sept.22 - Oct.22

The drive-thru is your enemy. Much like life, they always screw everything up. And just because the girl at the window says, "is there anything else?", that doesn't include her phone number. Remember that you had to borrow your parents' car to get there.

Scorpio Oct.23 - Nov.21

You are the Hamburger! Finally, the mystery has been solved! I know you and will hunt you down.

My Kind of Town, Chicago is

by Kristen Grant-Smith
Contributor

Naturally I was a little hesitant going to see a musical starring Richard Gere, but Chicago is definitely "all that jazz." The film, based on the Broadway musical, tells the story of Roxie Hart, a vaudeville chorus girl in 1920's Chicago with big aspirations of fame, who kills her lover, and her subsequent murder trial. It proves to be worthy of its Golden Globe award for Best Picture, as does Renée Zellweger who has recently received a Globe for the role of Roxie. Co-star Gere also won a Golden Globe for his role as her lawyer, the king of razzle-dazzle himself, Billy Flynn. Catherine Zeta Jones who was nominated for a Globe gives a solid performance as the outshined murderess Velma Kelley.

This film is a feel-good celebration of bad girls, with an excellent soundtrack. The three headliners of the film all demonstrate surprising musical talent. Their hard work and months of training and rehearsals in both singing and dancing for their roles is evident. The musical numbers are as fun, witty, and sexy as the rest of the film and will get your toes tapping.

Cinematically, Chicago is wonderful. The movie is eye-catching due to the dancing, sets and costumes, which are fun and flamboyant. The songs themselves are wonderful. Each song is presented in lavish dream-like sequence. Numbers such as the Cellblock Tango and Funny Honey



Finally Co-Stars that Made Richard Forget About the Gerbil!

are not soon to be forgotten, nor is Velma's "act of desperation".

The film version of Chicago has been in the works for over thirty years and has undergone many casting and script changes. In my opinion, the movie would have been quite different had those who were originally linked to the production, such as Goldie Hawn, Madonna and John Travolta, been in the title roles. However, I think it was well worth the wait. At any other time it may not have had its fun flare, or its youthful vibe. Although the plotline is dark, the actors help to make the movie remain fun.

As well as having a razzle-dazzle principal cast, there is also an

excellent supporting cast. Lucy Liu and singer Mya play other murderesses that had "artistic differences" with their hubbies. Keeping a close eye on these women is the prison matron, played by Queen Latifah. John C. Reilly plays Roxie's devoted husband, and also shows his own musical prowess in his own solo. Taye Diggs offers humour in his role as the film's master of ceremonies and Christine Baranski is perfect for the role of Mary Sunshine, the reporter following the case.

With a fabulous cast, great music, and intriguing plotline this is just a fun movie. So come on, why don't you paint the town and go see Chicago. It's definitely all that jazz!

'Cause It's Funny

by Andrew Noakowski
Staff Writer

The following is a list of things I would like to do simply because I think it's funny.

1. Buy a Mercury Cougar
2. Punch a Police Horse
3. Call my welfare cheques "Steady Work"
4. Play "Got your Nose" with Michael Jackson
5. Call Sudbury Home
6. Cut off someone at Oktoberfest
7. Meet Carrot-Top's parents
8. Take a leak in Outer Space
9. Introduce Pete Townshend to R. Kelly
10. Call my house a "Sovereign Nation" and request to separate from Canada
11. Put border guards between Quebec and Ontario
12. Picket for "Anglo Rights"
13. Ask someone to trade recipes
14. Become a squeegee kid at the New Sud Mall
15. Be Michael Jackson's PR Man
16. Be a contestant on Hollywood Squares and make a deal backstage to "throw the game"
17. Own a De-Luxe burger shop
18. Ask Bill Gates to borrow twenty bucks
19. Put in a proposal to restart the Laurentian Football Team
20. Put in a proposal to restart the Laurentian Hockey Team
21. Constantly refer to myself in the third person and as the "BMOC"
22. Donate my body to science in order to stop research the evil that is body hair
23. Sew shoulder pads into all of my t-shirts

24. Try and make ass-less jeans popular
25. Apply for the Air-Force to get over my fear of heights
26. Put my weekly trips to music stores on my resume as "Freelance Music Talent Scout"
27. Buy tapered jeans
28. Start a Loverboy tribute band
29. Explain the problemifications and the maliciousfulness in Boxing to Don King
30. Meet a plumber wearing a "Shit Happens" T-shirt
31. Ask a flight attendant to "just drop me off here"
32. Put beer on tap at the Great Hall
33. Meet the man/woman that invented confetti
34. Meet a pessimistic Philosopher
35. Request money from the government to fund my search for Santa Claus
36. Become Rod Black's body guard
37. Become frustrated with the state of affairs in the secretarial pool at Laurentian
38. Buy savings bonds with my OSAP thinking that I've screwed the system
39. Haggle my interest rates at the bank
40. Use the barter system at a garage sale
41. Tell someone they look "fabulous"
42. Sell autographed pictures of myself on Ebay
43. Send form letters to girls I have a crush on
44. Make my Mom sign a contract saying she won't move away and not tell me where
45. Accuse Britney Spears of stealing my act
46. Separate my shoulder and tell people "I'll just walk it off"
47. Play dodge ball with a tether ball
48. Become a jockey
49. Open a porno theatre in Sudbury
50. Make the Lake Ramsey Chunnel a reality

Book Crossing: Read, Write, and Release!

by Hope Yungblut
Contributor

The 3R's have taken on all new meaning at BookCrossing.com. BookCrossing is the act of releasing books "into the wild" and then following their journeys and the lives they touch. Bookcrossing.com is the website that makes it all possible.

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Untitled

by Michael Gillison

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Spooky song.
This is a swaying back and forth kind of song.
Thinking song.
Fuck songs for what they can do.
Fuck me for what I can't.
I'm so aware of what I am.
Do you know what you are?
Yes man yes man yes man yes man,
Yes woman. Come on.
It's not the last time and never the first.
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What's better?
I'm so aware of who I am.
Do you know who you are?

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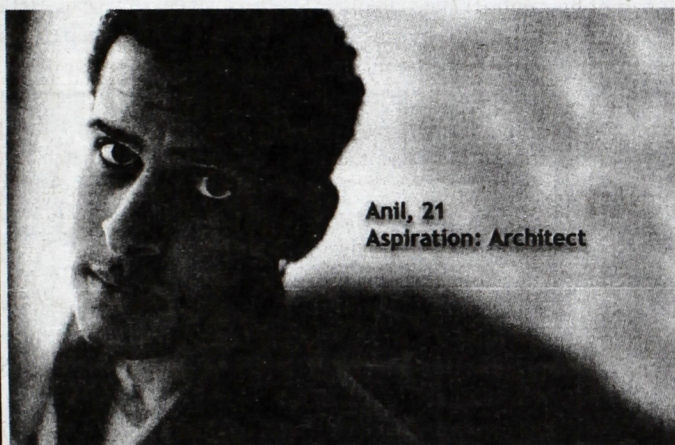
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The Diary of RabidSquirrel

Thursday, February 13, 2003

The Eternal Joy of Court-Ordered Child-Care Especially When Said Child is a Really Irritating Abstract Concept

Between having my apartment infested with pirates, the subsequent violent outbreak of spontaneously combusive scurvy, and being fired from my job as a Wild Poodle Wrangler, it's not been a good week. And to make things worse, I was recently found guilty in that whole "Nude Butcher" fiasco, and as punishment, I was sentenced to community service. Now, "community service" might not sound particularly bad, but I've been forced to sign up as a Big Brother.

What's worse, I'm not mentoring some well-meaning Dickensian scamp that picks pockets and sings showtunes to buy bread, or even a mischievous child that likes to get into wacky hijinks involving escaped circus seals and grossly incompetent bad guys prone to fits of slapstick.

No, it's much, much worse.

I've been stuck with a lad by the name of Terror Alert.

Apparently, "Terror Alert" is his first name, like "Jean-Paul", "Mangepas LeBoeuf" or "Dog Excrement". And although his last name is technically "Maroon", I find "Terror Alert Maroon" a tad awkward. Instead, I just call him Timmy the Terror Alert.

And what a beastly lad he is, too. I mean, even though he doesn't look like he's even five years old, he's constantly screaming his fool head off about eight million things at once, at least seven million and nine hundred and fifty three of which are about how we're all going to die a terrible, terrible death. Honestly, it's like if Chicken Little were to have ADD and Tourette's at the same time.

For example, I tried taking him into a local bar, The Unreasonably Violent Sturgeon. The bartender said, "Hey, RabidSquirrel, who's that you've got with you?"

Timmy the Terror Alert replied, "HOLY SWEET JESUS MOTHER OF MONKEY CRAP, WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!"

To which the bartender shrugged and said, "So, what'll you have?"

Timmy the Terror Alert then replied, "A SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS PLEASE, FOLLOWED BY A MICKEY OF VODKA AND THREE SHOTS OF TEQUILA! AND I WANT TO DRINK IT ALL FROM THE BELLYBUTTON OF A FORTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD STRIPPER! OH, AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!"

Apparently, Timmy the Terror Alert is a surprisingly hard-drinkin' kid who likes his liquor strong and his women confused. And like a good Big Brother, I let him drink as much as he wanted. However, once he started screaming something about duct tape and rounding up the infidels into prison camps and making them tap-dance for his pleasure, I decided to drop him off.

I'm still obligated by law to let him hang out at my apartment every so often. The Floating Head of Zog appreciates the loud randomness of it all, though the neighbors aren't nearly as happy about it, and I can't say that I am either. Not that it's all bad: every once in a while, I dangle him off the balcony to hear him scream about man's inhumanity to man, the potentially toxic level of hobo parts in hotdogs, and of course, how we're all going to die.

Oh, that wacky little Timmy the Terror Alert. He may be a blight on the face of human existence, but he sure can dance!

Oh wait...no, no he can't.

So much for ruthlessly forcing him into an unhappy career in showbusiness and exploiting his ill-gotten success.

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

The Artistic Merit of the Unsuspecting and the Unarmed Of The Lovely Sounds They Make

Playing the piano is a most wondrous way of expressing emotion. So is jabbing complete strangers with farming implements.

In fact, when sipping fifty-year-old "Red Wine"-style llama spit, I find myself particularly drawn to the intrinsically evocative beauty to be found within "Screaming Pedestrians Whom I Eviscerated With a Pitchfork at 5:40 on a Tuesday, in E Minor."

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Mat Burn - Deja-Vu and Stuff We've Seen Already...

by Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

For every two steps that the WWE takes in the right direction, they seem to take one step backwards. I don't know what it is. My guess is that somewhere in the head offices, there's someone who's afraid of change. I can't see it being Vince, as he is the man who changed the world of professional wrestling, but maybe he's so set in his ways that he can't stand the idea of things that are new and different.

I few years ago I was shocked when the WWF decided that the main event at Wrestlemania was going to be a rematch between The Rock and Steve Austin. Putting my feelings aside for the two, I was still extremely mad at the fact that the WWF was going to promote, bank on, and actually give the fans a repeat match from a past Wrestlemania.

If you think back, or look at your Wrestlemania Box Set, you will see that it wasn't until Wrestlemania 17 that the WWF decided that they had to use the same main event match for a second time. With all the talent and workers in the business, the WWF was scared to keep one of their main event players out of the top spot. I know most of the roster will never actually reach main event status, and most will never... eeeeeever be in the main event at Wrestlemania, but with the proper build-up, almost any contender could be put over as the best for the main event.

Look back at Wrestlemania 2 when King Kong Bundy was all of a sudden a human wrecking machine going up against Hulk Hogan. Randy Savage, Sgt. Slaughter, The Ultimate Warrior, Bret Hart, Shawn Michaels, Mick Foley, The Big Show and so many others got their first, and sometimes only chance at the main event at Wrestlemania. The thing about these pushes at the biggest show of them all is it almost always has a positive impact on the career of the contender, win or lose.

So what do we have this year? Quite possibly four main event caliber match-ups, three of which are something new and exciting for the fans to see, and one match, brought back for the third time. Why? The WWE seems to be heading in the right direction with new characters, new feuds and some great television, but they still think we want to see The Rock and Steve Austin again and again. Does anyone remember how stale the whole HHH/Rock feud got when they main-evented five pay-per-views in a row against each other? Exactly... it was overkill.

I'm just as excited for this Wrestlemania already as I was to go to X-8 last year, and almost as excited as I was when I went to Wrestlemania 3, due to the quality of the matches already. Just look at the interesting match-ups that have come to the surface:

Brock Lesnar vs. Kurt Angle
This is the match of the century. These are the two 'Green Monsters' that the WWE pushed the hell out of early on and they have both risen to the top and proven themselves

worthy. Both are phenomenal athletes and they are two of the best pure wrestlers around. Olympic Champion vs. NCAA Champion for the WWE Championship... there is no better build-up for a match. These guys are technical monsters who can destroy and entertain at the same time. This had better be the Main Event match at the end, no question about it.

Triple H vs. Booker T

Finally a good contender who can make Triple H step it up a notch and make a match interesting. Booker T held the WCW together during his title reign and Triple H brought the WWF back to it's feet when many of the usual main eventers were out with injuries or in Hollywood. Booker overcame the WCW curse and actually made a name for himself in the WWF when the odds were against him, and Triple H overcame a career-ending injury to return bigger and stronger than ever. This match is exactly what the RAW roster is all about... bigger better wrestlers proving there are the top dogs.

The other thing about this match that makes it interesting is that the belt that is around the waist of Triple H is Booker T's belt. Booker T is the last official WCW champion, and the belt was made into a joke when introduced into the WWF. Now that Triple H has it, he is going to have to prove his worth to hold that belt. The belt was given to him, and he has held it (except for HBK's small reign a few months back) ever since it was taken out of a briefcase and handed to him. I love Triple H, but this is the time that he'll have to step up and prove himself. The best of WCW vs. The best of WWE for the oldest belt in the game. The Game vs. The Player... I can't wait to see it.

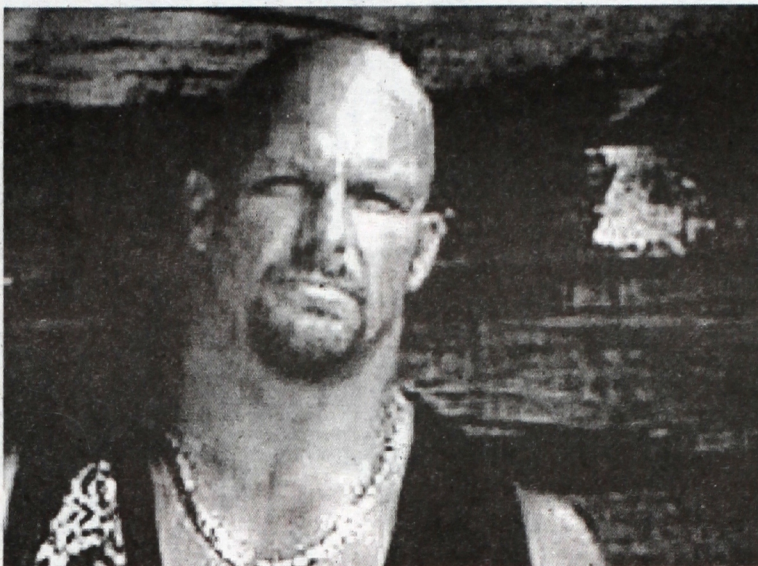
Shawn Michaels vs. Chris Jericho

This is one of the matches on my 'Dream Match' list that I thought I would never get to see. To me this is just as big, or even bigger than Rock vs. Hogan. HBK and Y2J have both overcome the odds to jump from midcard level to the main event and both have proven to be two of the best. They rule on the mic, the tear it up in the ring and they will always be remembered as two of the greatest. The Heartbreak Kid vs. The King of the World... I want to see this match now! I hope they kick off Wrestlemania with this match. Go strong right out of the gates and give us what we want!

And then there was the other match...

Stone Cold Steve Austin vs. The Rock

So what the hell is new about this match. Once again The Rock is the heel. Once again Steve Austin has the crowd behind his sorry ass. And once again the crowd is supposed to think that this will be the best match ever. Really? I've seen better matches on RAW and SMACKDOWN this past year that make the first two Austin/Rock matches at Mania easily forgettable.



Stone Cold... We Just Don't Care Anymore!

This is just plain laziness on the part of the booking staff.

So why does The Rock get a big match again? Is it just to make sure he'll grace us with his presence in another year or so after making The Scorpion King 17? Screw him! The WWE caters to his ever need just to keep him coming back. Too bad he has made his choice already. He wants to be an actor and wrestling is a side business for him. Last year's match at Wrestlemania was legendary, but it was the beginning of his new career for the WWE... a ratings bitch! The Rock will now and forever be used as a ratings bitch to bring in the fans, that for some strange reason, still want to see him wrestle.

There are two sides to this. The Rock thinks he is so big that he won't job to the midcard guys, so he expects main event matches against top performers. And the WWE doesn't quite know what to do with him in the five weeks a year that he wrestles, so they try to find the biggest name they can to have him fight and bring in the fans. They did it with him against Hogan, and they tried to get him Goldberg, but so far that won't work. I am sure if they could get Bret Hart to come out of retirement, or Bruno Sammartino to walk again, or even Yokozuna to rise from his grave, they would have The Rock take them on defending his honor as 'The People's Champ.' He is now and forever will be a side-show attraction...

'LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... BOY AND GIRLS... CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. COME ONE AND ALL TO SEE THE MAN WITH TWO CAREERS. HE HAS BEATEN LEGENDS AND DEFEATED AN ARMY OF THE UNDEAD. HE HAS RISEN FROM HIS PALATIAL PALACE TO GRACE YOU WITH HIS PRESENCE FOR A MERE \$34.99. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE!'

Like I have said before, so many people deserve a push, but when the WWE keeps catering to only a few, the fans are robbed of something that they don't see too often these days... something new. There were great wrestlers, matches and main events at Wrestlemania long before The Rock, and there will be great ones long after he finally

leaves.

And as for Stone Cold Steve Austin. What's the matter? If the WWE didn't offer you a high profile match-up at Wrestlemania you wouldn't come back? I'll bet that part of his contract states that if he isn't in the main event at Wrestlemania against someone huge, then he walks out again and takes it out on the first female he sees (I know... cheap shot, but so was the one he gave Debra).

I would have to say that Stone Cold is the one who is afraid of something new. Finally after a few years of the same old crap, his character was entering a new stage with new feuds... and then he walks! He was in a pretty good feud with the nWo, but he didn't like that. He was then put in a feud with Eddie Guerrero, which he supposedly asked for, and then he walked. Sure, they asked him to job to Brock Lesnar, but everyone else has done it, including The Rock, so why wouldn't he?

He almost had me this past Monday Night on RAW when he grabbed the mic, but then he said the two words I didn't want to hear. What I wanted to hear come out of his mouth was "I'm Sorry" not "Thank You." What the hell was he thanking us for? Thank you for cheering me even though I walked out on the fans nine months ago? Thanks you for forgetting I'm a wife-beater? Thank you for being the sheep Vince McMahon wants you to be, and oh yeah, please buy my new shirt at the merchandise stands for only \$30? Austin... don't thank the fans for cheering your comeback, apologize to them for leaving in the first place.

Back to the match at Mania. Was it just me or was the crowd pretty dead when they announced the match? No one really cared because they have already paid to see this match twice before. They tried to get the heat that they had for the Hogan/Rock match, but it just didn't work. The fans are not going to fall for the same old crap again and again. I wish they had done this one

week ago in Toronto so me and all the Canadian fans could chant 'You Sold Out' and 'You Walked Out' for the two returning warriors. We were there live for Hogan/Rock and we don't care about this one.

Now I know that after nineteen years the WWE will have to repeat a match at least once, but they did a great job for the first sixteen years coming up with new matches and new main events for us. A lot of the top guys stick around a lot longer then they used to and the WWE has gotten past the 'One Guy' stigma they were stuck with with Hogan in the 80's, but what the WWE forgets is that top card wrestlers always seem to have better matches against the new guys, not the established ones. The challenger always brings his 'A' game to make sure they prove they are worthy of the top spot, and the Main Eventer always steps it up even more to make sure he isn't shown up by the 'new guy.' This is what we will see with both the HHH/Booker and HBK/Jericho matches this year. HHH and HBK will wrestle to keep their status while Jericho and Booker will wrestle to solidify their spots.

Another thing I thought I would bring up is the match between Booker T and The Rock next week. Why is the WWE already punking out Booker? I can't see them allowing him to actually pin The Rock, and by way of the storyline, The Rock can choose his opponent at Wrestlemania if he wins. So of course Rock will win, but he will choose Austin instead of Triple H because he needs to beat Austin at Wrestlemania to appease his ego. This is a great storyline except that they are going to be taking away from Booker's momentum.

Booker has been winning every match he has on RAW and deserves the shot. He took on Batista and Orton by himself (thank God he never tagged Steiner), and he beat Steiner pretty easily, proving that he can hang with the big guys. So for the next few weeks they should have him taking on all comers, but if he fights and loses to The Rock, then he, and the match with Triple H, are knocked down to a midcard level. He needs to be on a roll going in or the fans may lose interest.

There are so many possibilities for great matches at this year's Wrestlemania and I really think the weak link in the card will be the Rock/Austin match. Sure, there will be those 'marks' in the crowd who think this is the best match ever and they would pay to see it again and again, but when this match starts up, just like the Austin match at last year's Wrestlemania, I'll be off doing something much more important... making room for a few more beers in my iron Canadian bladder.

But that's just my twisted point of view...

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